

## IBC BARBARA LACKRITZ AAUW AWARD PROGRAM INSERT SHEET

**HONOREE'S NAME:** Ellen Irons

**BRANCH NAME:** St. Louis

**BRANCH PRESIDENT'S NAME:** Ellen Irons

Write one sentence about how your honoree fulfills each purpose. The information will be used to prepare the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award program insert. Turn this sheet in to the IBC chair at the November IBC meeting. The purpose of the IBC Barbara Lackritz AAUW Award is to recognize the branch member who:

**1. Upholds the mission to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.**

Ellen has been involved in feminism since the early 1970's and has been an active member of the AAUW St. Louis Branch since 2013, serving on the board in the positions of program VP, IBC at-large, and is currently serving her 4<sup>th</sup> year as president; Ellen graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering in 1978 and has been active in the Women Engineering Alumnae Society of Washington University.

**2. Provides service to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s).**

Ellen has led or co-led numerous branch projects and programs, such as: development of a package for branches "Title IX- Investigating Campus's Progress on Sexual Violence" (with Lisa Taylor), co-led the 250 Notable Women of St. Louis project (with many other branch members), helped arrange for many branch programs (often with Jan Scott): panel on "Sexual Assault, Right to Work, and Minimum Wage" (held at Grace Church); "Pay Inequity: Root Causes" (with the St. Louis Press Club); "#MeToo and What's Next: Three Perspectives on Sexual Harassment and Due Process in the Workplace" (with the Press Club); developed and moderated the AAUW MO program for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment celebration Zoom program; delivered programs on "Earn What You Deserve" (Buder Library via Zoom), "Voting Matters" (Zoom); and "ERA Updates (Zoom)," and served 2 years on MO state public policy committee.

**3. Provides leadership to AAUW at any of the local, state, regional or national level(s).**

In addition to her leadership in the St. Louis branch, Ellen is also very active with AAUW Metro St. Louis IBC and AAUW MO, serving as chair of the current IBC 2023 spring luncheon planning committee, and leading the AAUW MO 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Celebration Taskforce for 3+ years.

**4. Provides service and leadership in non-AAUW areas in the community, religious, professional, and/or political arenas.**

Ellen has a long history of serving on non-profit boards, including president of the Double Helix board that brought KDHX FM radio to St. Louis (1980's), president of the International Performance Improvement Society (ISPI) St. Louis Chapter for eight years (2004 – 2012), member of her church board for four years (1990's), local Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

(MBTI) chapter for 2 years, and currently acting as a trustee for her subdivision, Brittany Park (2019 to present).